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Bureau of Land Management
Las Vegas Field Office,
Attn: Mr. Gregory Helseth
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Dear Mr. Helseth:

This letter provides Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division comments on the Final Searchlight Wind Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (NVN-084626). We appreciate the opportunity to comment. The comments have been coordinated with the DOD Southwest Renewable Energy Work Group.

We provided comments on the draft EIS noting that the project will have significant impacts on the airborne radar testing that we conduct from China Lake. Our assessment has been validated by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory. The only viable mitigation option is curtailment of wind turbine operations during periods of airborne radar testing operations. Section 2.3.6 in the Final EIS does address our concerns and we appreciate that addition. We request that similar language be included in the Record of Decision since curtailment is not listed along with the other mitigation requirements nor is it addressed in Chapter 4.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (805) 989-9209 or email at anthony.parisi@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. M. Parisi", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

A. M. PARISI
Head, Sustainability Office
By direction of the Commander

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